September 15th 2016 NFB Recreation committee Meeting Minutes

The Cincinnati NFB Chapter’s recreation committee met by conference call on Thursday, 9/15/2016 from 7:00 PM until approximately 8:00 P.M. with Kim McEachirn opening the meeting with prayer and presiding.  In attendance were the following:

Joy Thomas, Deanna Lewis, Rachel Kuntz, Annie McEachirn Carson, Walter Mitchell and Kim McEachirn

What follows is an overview of the topics discussed:

1. Book Club:  Annie Carson informed us that the current book to be discussed 9/20/2016, “The girl On the Train,” will be in the theaters beginning October 7th.
2. The white cane walk:  The white cane walk was mentioned and the committee agreed that this October event did not fall under the responsibility of the recreation committee,   therefore, elevating it as part of the Sept. 24th chapter meeting discussion would be in order.
3. NFB Ohio State Convention:  Walter Mitchell encouraged all committee members to attend the convention.  In consideration of this recommendation, we agreed issues of transportation, stipends, and the like should be elevated at the Sept. 24th chapter meeting.

Christmas Party:  After much discussion, (including whether or not we should have the party at Washington Platform restaurant), it was decided that further research was necessary in order to make a final decision regarding a venue for the Christmas party.  It was recommended that the following criteria be considered as we bring information back to the October meeting:

Date:  Saturday, Dec. 3 or Dec. 10

Time:  2 to 5-6 P.M.

Privacy:  Whether or not there is a door to the area that can be closed for privacy

   Venue size:  Number of people the area can accommodate

Decorations:  Whether or not decorations are allowed

Music:  Can music be used at the location

Type of Venue:  Restaurant or catering food service

Annie Carson will look into Red Lobster and the community house at Lake of the Woods and report back to the committee in the October recreation meeting.  Deanna Lewis will check into the use of Clovernook’s community room or Procter Center.

1. The Braille Challenge:  Annie met with Jackie Connor at the Multistate Center and discussed contacts such as Deborah Kendrick, Marianne Denning and Janet Pippen, who, through the organizations they were in association, would be able to aid Jackie in her mission of identifying students, assessing Braille skills, and how the Braille challenge could best benefit the students; this is paramount to the success of the challenge.
2. The Christmas Party Food, Household Essentials and Clothing Drive:  Annie reminded everyone of the standing commitment to collect items again this year to donate to a nonprofit organization (to be named).  Walter Mitchell has volunteered again to deliver the items to the designated organization.
3. Adjournment:  The meeting was closed with prayer.

Kim McEachirn, Chairman